

Exercise your franchise - vote Monday!

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Where to vote

Voters in Acton, Esquesing, Nassagaweya, Rockwood, Eramosa and Erin townships go to the polls Monday, December 7 to elect municipal officials on councils, hydro commissions and Halton and Wellington boards of education. Over 2,400 voters are eligible to vote in Acton Monday. Polls are open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
For the information of voters The Free Press publishes a list below of all the polling stations in Acton:—

WHERE TO VOTE

1. Ward (Area) I — Polling Subdivision I
Acton Y.M.C.A. Mill Street
All that part of Town East of John Street, South of Mill Street and North of Queen Street.
2. Ward (Area) I — Polling Subdivision II
Acton Music Centre Wallace Street
All that part of Town South of Queen Street and East of the Canadian National Railroad.
3. Ward (Area) 2 — Polling Subdivision I
Council Chambers Town Hall
All that part of Town North of Mill Street and East of John Street.
4. Ward (Area) 3 — Polling Subdivision I
Luxton Memorial Hall Willow Street
All of (1) that part of Town West of John Street and East of Main Street North, (2) that part of Town West of Main Street North from Mill Street to and including Lot 108 Main Street North, (3) that part of Town North of the Canadian National Railroad and West of Main Street North.
5. Ward (Area) 3 — Polling Subdivision II
Acton Scout Hall School Lane
All that part of Town West of Main Street North commencing at and including Lot 107 Main Street North to the Canadian National Railroad.
6. Ward (Area) 4 — Polling Subdivision I
Knox Presbyterian Church Main Street North
All that part of Town South of Mill Street and West of John Street.

O.M.B. turns down Bower apartments

The Ontario Municipal Board turned down the town's application to rezone two and a half acres to permit the erection of two apartment buildings off Bower Avenue.

H. E. Roberts, vice-chairman of the O.M.B., heard the case at Acton Friday, November 13. In his report Mr. Roberts declared that no evidence whatever was adduced on behalf of the municipality or the owner except some historical background supplied by the town clerk. He recommended the by-law not be approved.

No evidence
The report says, "The existing zoning permits duplexes on the street and some duplexes exist,

but the street is essentially developed with single family homes. No evidence was furnished to the Board of a planning nature to indicate the reason for the change nor as to whether any attempt had been made to sell the land or develop it for existing permitted use. Furthermore the parcel is limited to a street frontage of about 60 feet, whereas the by-law appears to require 100 feet for the type of development proposed." Mr. Roberts reviewed the evidence but said he was able to

reach a recommendation without giving too much weight to the evidence.

The zoning change, opposed by Dills Printing and 28 private objectors through spokesman Don Ryder, cited increased storm drainage, noise and pollution, property devaluation, additional traffic and school crowding as reasons for opposing construction of the two apartment buildings which would accommodate 78 units.

Thrush Construction, builders, proposed the change in zoning and it was supported by the town both at planning board and council. The property was purchased by Thrush Construction from Mrs. Hazel Orr.



What's up at the high school?

Turn inside and see. —(Staff Photo)

Lad rescued from lagoon

Ten year-old Steve Blanchard of Poplar Avenue had a narrow escape from possible drowning or suffocation over the weekend in the filter beds behind Beardmore and Co. The young lad slipped into the guck or mud on the edge of the lagoons and was up to his shoulders and sinking when rescued by George Turkosz, alerted by the boy's three companions.

Steve, his brother Eddie, Randy and Ricky Turkosz were playing near the murky lagoons when the boy slipped into the mud up to his knees. Efforts to extricate him were fruitless and his alarmed companions ran to the Crescent to get the Turkosz boys' father.

When Mr. Turkosz arrived on the scene, Steve was almost up to his shoulders in guck — and still sinking. George procured a plank and laid it down and managed to pull the boy to the safety of the bank.

"Another five minutes and he could have disappeared," said a thankful father, Steve Blanchard, Poplar Ave. "We can't thank George enough."

Unharmful but visibly shaken, young Steven has resolved not to go near the lagoons again. His father told The Free Press he hopes his son's experience will warn others of the dangers of playing near the filter beds.

Taxes DID increase last year - reeve

At the regular meeting of council on Tuesday evening the councillor McKenzie reported, and reeve Oakes concurred, that there appeared to be some misunderstanding at the nomination meeting whereby municipal taxes had been

reduced last year. Councillor McKenzie pointed out that the general levy for municipal purposes had in fact increased by 3.1 mills although the general tax rate had been reduced as a result of a reduction in the education levy.

Reeve Oakes reported he had had several phone calls since the meeting and he had advised these people that the tax rate for general purposes had in fact increased over the year previous.

Little interest
He also said that at the nomination meeting he had been prepared with considerable financial details to present to the meeting but there seemed to be very little interest. He felt it was most unfortunate that more people had not attended the nomination meeting.
Copies of the interim financial statement were available at the nomination meeting but apparently were not distributed.

Discuss plan

Members of Esquesing Council, Planning Board and Committee of Adjustment met with planning consultant R. L. Keddy of M. M. Dillon Ltd. on Thursday to discuss the proposed Official Plan for the township.
The Official Plan will be presented to the public in the early part of the new year for their comments, clerk Del French reported.

Election service

If other elections are an indication The Free Press will be flooded with hundreds of phone calls Monday night when we stage our usual election answering service.

We hope — depending on circumstances — to supply results for Acton, Esquesing and Nassagaweya townships as soon after polls close as possible. It is a maneuver that's taxing for legs, voice and our motor transport but also without its excitement and fun?

Want election results Monday night? Phone 853-2010. Don't phone Tuesday. We'll be busy writing and tabulating for next week's issue.

One dog gets teeth into tissues

Hazards connected with political campaigning are not always appreciated by the electorate.

Esquesing councillor Wilfrid Leslie, soliciting votes in the Terra Cotta area this week, found although he received a polite reception from residents of the area, the dogs took a different tack.

One canine with fixed views on how visitors should be treated, fastened his teeth in Mr. Leslie's ankle. He had the marks to prove it to fellow councillors Monday night at the regular meeting but received more grins than sympathy from other councillors also actively engaged in soliciting votes.

Two want to be warden

Reeve Dr. F. G. Oakes of Acton will stand for election as Warden of Halton County for 1971. Dr. Oakes was acclaimed Reeve of Acton last week.

Milton Reeve Ron Harris announced prior to nominations he would seek the seat. Dr. Oakes chairs the finance committee at the county level as well as sitting on a number of others.

Reeve Harris chairs the Social and Family Services Committee as well as sitting on a number of others. No one else has publicly announced his or her intention to stand for election as warden.

Threaten legal action

A controversial issue in Nassagaweya Township for the past month, the case of the pony stable built in front of another man's home appears headed for a court case.

In a letter tabled with Nassagaweya Council Tuesday, solicitors for Paul Saeglitz, 25 Sideroad, threaten to take the case to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and take whatever necessary legal action is necessary, if the council does not have the barn removed. The solicitors listed several sections of the township by-law which, they felt, ruled Mr. Saeglitz' neighbor John Ottaway's small barn illegal.

Charges fly
Council held a brief discussion but decided that if the case was now a legal matter, the less said at this point the better. Councillor Allan Ackman said the whole thing could have been prevented if council had adopted their planning board's recommendation to have the barn moved at the expense of council. He intimated the planning board members had been likened to a group of idiots when their motion came before council.

"You haven't proven yet that you are not an idiot," shot back Councillor Jim Watson.

At the suggestion of Reeve Mrs. A. MacArthur the issue was again shelved.



ACTON DISTRICT High students Helen Woodhouse (below) and I. to r. Shelly Wensley, Pauline Jones and Gloria Tarrant admire the window they decorated at Dollar Daddy store. ADHS marketing students in co-operation with local merchants have been dressing up windows for the Christmas season. For story see the Free Press Youth Page.—(Staff Photo)

Urges positive action on region

Halton County Board of Education may attempt to obtain a private member's bill urging positive steps be taken to bring about regional government for Halton-Peel, chairman Doug Wood said at a regular meeting of the Board of Oakville Thursday.

Wood criticized local municipal councils for sitting back and waiting for Darcy McKeough, Minister of Municipal Affairs, to decide their destiny.

Act now, be positive

Wood said both the Board and municipal councils have sent briefs saying what they did not want and what they did not like, but suggested a more positive stand should be taken. He noted all councils with the exception of Burlington are sitting on the subject.

He told members the Board should sponsor the private member's bill and rally municipal support behind them, rather than waiting for McKeough to decide on their fate. He suggested steps should be taken immediately to get things moving so the bill could be introduced in the Ontario Legislature when the house reconvenes in January.

But is it legal?

Secretary, seventh man in new O.P.P. contract

Over the strong objection of reeve Oakes, and with some concern of the legality of their action council decided to advise the Ontario Provincial Police that they would negotiate a contract for the 1971 policing of the town of Acton.

Under the new contract additional part-time or full-time male or female secretary would be provided for the police office. The addition of one constable to the police force would bring the strength of the detachment up to one corporal and six constables.

Reeve Oakes objected to the adding of a full-time constable on the grounds that he felt the part-time secretarial help could be sufficient to release the present five constables from clerical work to more police work.

Nix cruiser
The action of council in providing additional space came as a result of a personnel committee recommendation which had been negotiated with Sgt. Spiker of the O.P.P. Sgt. Spiker had recommended as well as the part-time help and the addition of another constable, the addition of another cruiser for the local force.
The committee had rejected the suggestion of a second cruiser.

Answering service
Reeve Oakes also objected to the quality of "communications" within the local detachment, referring to the telephone tape recorder answering service. He reminded the councillors the main objections council have had in this area of communications.
Dep.-Reeve Tyler reported the O.P.P. were satisfied with their own communications. The

telephone service was a municipal service and the committee was endeavoring to

Collision

Two cars were in collision at the corner of Elgin and Church St. last Saturday morning and Cons. Kressler investigated.

The car driven by Edward Foley, Agnes St., received an estimated \$300 damage and the car driven by Norman Morris, Young St., an estimated \$375 damage. There were no injuries.

Rash of accidents

Five Acton and district motorists were involved in a rash of accidents and mishaps in the north Halton area patrolled by Milton OPP during the past week.

One car was gutted by fire on Highway 25 north of Speyside early Friday morning. The 1965 model car owned by Jack L. Mawbey of 210 Main St. N., Acton had an estimated \$900 damage to the motor and interior.

Shot gun man charged

An Acton man was charged with possession of a dangerous weapon Saturday night, following an incident on Crescent St. when the shotgun was discharged. The incident occurred Saturday night about 11 p.m.

improve this aspect through talks with General Electric and Motorola.

Councillor McKenzie expressed his concern whether council at this state in the year could legally negotiate a contract with the O.P.P. that would be binding on next year's council.

The present contract with the O.P.P. for policing in Acton expires Dec. 31, 1970, and the clerk was instructed to notify the O.P.P. council would negotiate the agreement if it is in power to do so at this time of the year.

Paul Maisonneuve, R.R. 4 Acton suffered lacerations to the head in a two-car accident on Highway 25 just south of Acton Wednesday evening. His car and one driven by William Lang, R.R. 1 Acton, collided and each vehicle had \$700 damage, OPP report.

A deer lost its life when it ran into the path of a car driven by Thomas Shields, R.R. 3 Acton, on Tuesday evening of last week. The incident happened on Highway 25 just north of Five Sideroad Esquesing and left the Shields' car with \$500 worth of damage.

Another two-vehicle collision on 15 Sideroad near the First Line, Esquesing caused a total of \$400 damage to cars driven by Barbara Smith of Georgetown and Oskar Zirniss of R.R. 1 Moffat. This accident happened on Monday morning.



MRS. SANDRA RYPMA'S Grade 3 Robert Little class recorded three Christmas carols for radio station CHML 900 Hamilton, Monday afternoon. Program director Bob Hooper and recording engineer Ross Wilson were in town to oversee the recording along with North Halton music supervisor Ken

Harrison. The group sang "Here Comes St. Nicholas", "Long Ago" and "Here We Come A Wassailing". The recordings will be heard on the Hamilton station, sometime later this month.—(Staff Photo)